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Hell no, we won't go

- Occupy Philly says they won't vacate next month for planned $55M renovation of plaza
- Showdown with city approaches {page 02}

▶ The reflection of City Hall can be seen in sunglasses of an Occupy Philly member yesterday. The city says the tent city must vacate Dilworth Plaza in mid-November for the start of a $55 million overhaul.

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Cop killer wishes it was him

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Dreary employment figures for city

Despite a series of job announcements last month, Philadelphia's economic picture is worsening, worrying some economists that the city may be headed for a second recession.

Between April and August, Philadelphia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose from 9.7 percent to 11.5 percent compared to 9.1 percent nationally. In August 2010, the unemployment rate was 10.8 percent. Additionally, the city's sales tax and business privilege tax revenues from July through September were down significantly from the same period last year.

Drexel University economics professor Shawkat Hammoudeh said that — because Philadelphia is now lagging behind the national economy — the chances for a second recession are greater.

Better than Philly

The unemployment rate nationally and in Pennsylvania have both improved from a year ago. The national rate was 9.1 percent in August while Pennsylvania's rate was 8.2 percent.

"There are still high odds for Philadelphia to have a double dip, but there is hope for things to not be as bad we expected before," Hammoudeh said. He noted that the region's economy slipped into the red much later than other regions. ● SOLOMON D. LEACH

Un-Occupy City Hall? Not likely

● Protesters vow not to leave next month when overhaul of Dilworth Plaza gets under way ● Group growing less eager to meet demands of City Hall

City Hall's Dilworth Plaza will soon have a new team of occupiers — construction is expected to start in mid-November on a $55 million overhaul of the concrete space. But many in Occupy Philly's tent city say they are not going anywhere anytime soon.

"The fact that they're going to spend $55 million to renovate this when there's so much else to spend the money on," said Joshua Albert of the security working group. "I don't think we're leaving — not peacefully."

"They want to turn it into an ice skating rink," said activist Sean Rose, of overhauls plans that include a seasonal rink. "They didn't pass a bill to make new libraries, but they passed a bill to make a rink."

No formal consensus has yet been made through Occupy's democratic process, which requires a proposal during a General Assembly meeting and two votes.

Mayoral spokesman Mark McDonald said the construction date is not yet set in stone, but that occupiers previously agreed to leave once it begins.

"The last we heard from the group, they have pledged to work with us to figure out where they will be once the site is secured," he said. "We've been very accommodating, but the city needs to continue its life and growth.

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▶ Two Occupy Philly activists help up a woman they accidentally knocked over near City Hall.

Check-ins at City Hall

Occupy Philly has the second highest "check-in" among the country's numerous Occupy locations on popular social networking website Foursquare, which allows people to track their location.

Across the country, participants in the Occupy Together movement have been using Foursquare and Occupy Wall Street has the most check-ins with nearly 4,500 as of yesterday afternoon. Philadelphia was in second with 590.

Occupy Boston follows in third with 547 check-ins, followed by Occupy LA with 300.

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▶ Weston

Fallout from disabled dungeon

TACONY. Police are seeking the public's help in locating family of one of the four mentally-disabled people found chained to a basement boiler Saturday.

Cops also now believe suspect Linda Ann Weston had many more social security numbers at her disposal prior to her arrest.

Herbert Knowles, 40, has the mental capacity of a 10-year-old and may be from the state of Virginia, police said. ● METRO/AW

Cop charged with theft

PHILADELPHIA. Police officer Kevin Workman, 47, was arrested yesterday and charged with receiving stolen property, theft and related offenses.

Details were scant last night, but a police spokeswoman said that Internal Affairs was given a tip that Workman, a 21-year department veteran, was stealing money and proceeded to investigate. ● METRO/AW

In the news

$50K

Value of collectible coins stolen from a car Sunday morning on Cottman Avenue after the victim got a flat tire on his way to a coin show and went to the nearby Sears Auto Center. When he returned his front passenger-side car window was broken and coins stolen. ● METRO/AW

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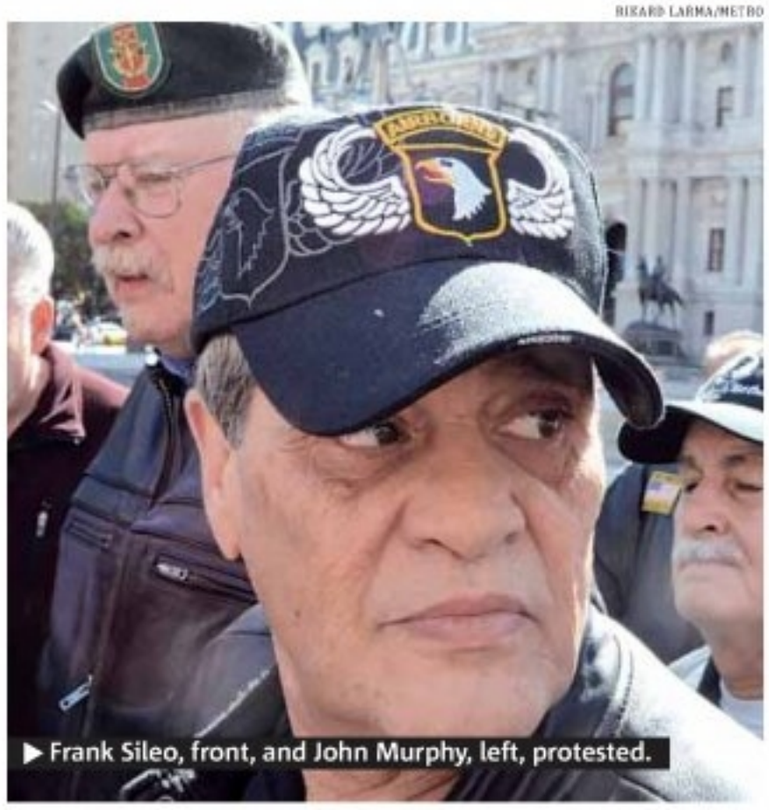

▶ Frank Sileo, front, and John Murphy, left, protested.

Council bid still under fire

Republican at-large candidate David Oh taking flak for claiming he was Green Beret Veterans protest

A group of veterans gathered across the street from City Hall yesterday to criticize a City Council candidate for claims about his military record.

Republican at-large candidate David Oh, who also ran in 2003 and 2007, claimed on campaign literature he was a U.S. special forces officer, a "Green Beret." Oh has since revised his stance, saying on his website, "Although David is not Special Forces qualified, he is proud of his 3 years of service with the 20th Special Forces Group (Airborne)."

John Murphy, a Vietnam veteran and retired colonel with the Army special forces, said there's a big difference, and that Oh cannot be trusted.

"This isn't about politics. I'm a Republican and I'd like to see Republicans win. However, I don't want to see anybody win who has no character, who's dishonest, because he's not going to represent his constituents the way they need to be represented. He's going to lie to them," Murphy said.

▶ Oh

Oh's campaign pointed to endorsements by the United Veterans Council and the Philadelphia Vietnam Veterans Memorial Society.

"We stand by the United Veterans Council of Philadelphia, their unanimous endorsement, and they represent 22 separate veterans organizations," said campaign spokesman John Katrina. "It's that word against that of a group whose beginnings are uncertain."

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Blaze rips through strip mall

ANDORRA. Authorities are investigating a blaze in a northwest Philadelphia neighborhood that ripped through a strip mall.

Fire trucks were called shortly before 3:30 a.m. yesterday to the 8900 block of Ridge Avenue for reports of heavy flames. A second alarm was dispatched as the fire spread. It was placed under control at 4:51 a.m.

Two firefighters suffered minor injuries and were evaluated at a local hospital. The fire marshal is investigating the fire's cause and the number of stores affected, believed initially according to other reports to be at least four. METRO/AW

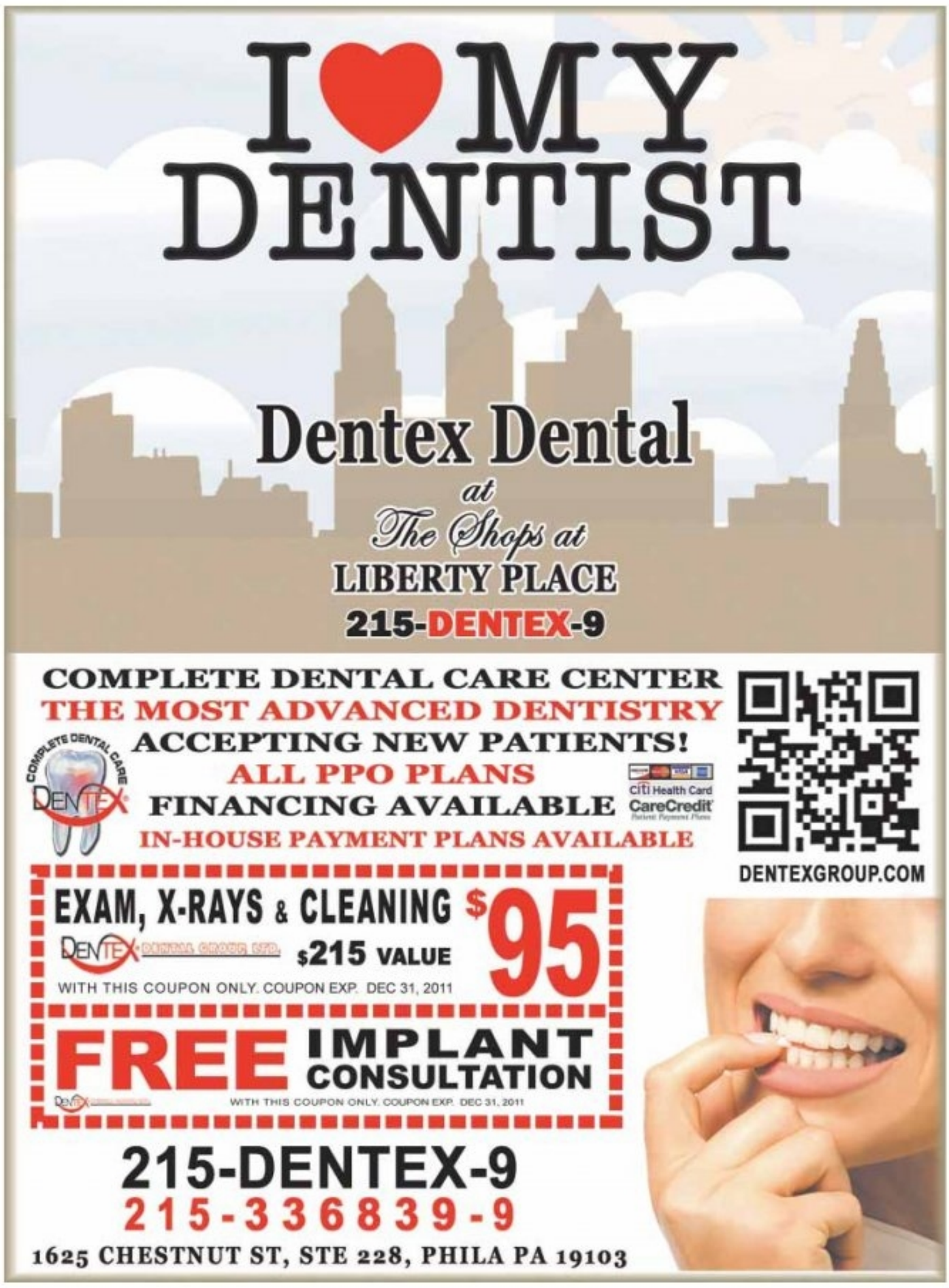
Teen murdered in North Philly

TIOGA. Police are investigating the murder of a teen who was shot to death last night.

Officers discovered the body of Tyquan Harris, 17, on a doorstep of a house in the 2800 block of North Stillman Street shortly after 8:50 p.m. Harris lived a couple of blocks away.

264 Murders in Philadelphia through yesterday evening, according to Phillypolice.com, higher than the 256 in 2010 and 239 in 2009 through the same day.

Harris suffered multiple gunshot wounds and was pronounced dead on the scene shortly before 9:15 p.m. METRO/AW



By the numbers

The list of state-labeled "persistently dangerous" public schools in Philadelphia steeply decreased in the 2011-2012 annual report released yesterday by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. The city's most troubled schools, as defined by the state DOE, dropped in number from 19 to 10. Here's a look at some of the figures, according to the school district:

14.25%

Decline in violent incidents district-wide, from 4,921 in the 2009-2010 school year to 4,220 in 2010-2011. In city high schools, violent incidents declined by 15.4 percent from 2,007 to 1,698 over the same period. Most of the decrease is attributed to assaults.

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Fires set in city schools in 2010-2011, according to the district — a nearly 15 percent increase over the previous year's 115

667

Weapons violations inside schools, an increase of about 5 percent

"We are very grateful for our partnership with the Philadelphia Police Department, which has provided us with the leadership of Chief Inspector Myron Patterson and the assistance of many police officers."
Leroy Nunery, acting schools superintendent

Cop killer: 'I'd give my life for that man's life'

- Emotional guilty plea hearing in death of Sgt. Timothy Simpson
- Bucks County man killed Simpson in crash during 2008 chase

An emotional hearing unfolded at the Criminal Justice Center yesterday as William Foster pleaded guilty to third-degree murder for running a red light and plowing into a police cruiser in 2008, killing Sgt. Timothy Simpson.

"If I could give my life up for that man's life, I would," Foster, 44, said as he wiped tears from his eyes. "He was a giver to the community. I am a taker."

The defense argued for leniency, saying that the crash was not a direct, intentional assault on a uniformed officer.

Simpson's family, many wearing Sgt. Simpson memorial jackets, sat flanked by 25-30 police officers. "I never thought my worst nightmare would come true," Simpson's widow said in a statement read by a family friend.

▶ Simpson

▶ Foster

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Judge Jeffrey Minehart, taking into consideration Foster's 30 criminal convictions and lack of a drivers' license at the time of the crash, sentenced Foster to 19-40 years in a state correctional facility with a consecutive sentence of 7-15 years for previous offenses committed in Bucks County.

"Whether it's through the actions of this defendant — driving like a maniac through the streets of Philadelphia — or by the action of a felon who is armed, police never know when death is going to come," he said.

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President blasts GOP jobs blocks

President Barack Obama called on Congress to pass elements of his jobs proposal and attacked Republican alternatives, saying his plan was the "real Americans Jobs Act."

After Republicans blocked his $447 billion jobs plan in the Senate, Obama is seeking to tap into populist anger in his campaign to get lawmakers to pass portions of the proposal, including $35 billion in aid to states to prevent layoffs of teachers, police officers and firefighters and $105 billion in spending on infrastructure.

The Republican plan would "gut regulations" and "let Wall Street do whatever it wants," Obama said in Fletcher, N.C., where he started a three-day bus tour that also will take him to Virginia. Obama won both Republican-leaning states in 2008 and seeks to hold both in next year's election.

"I need you to give Congress a piece of your mind. Tell your elected leaders to do the right thing."
PRESIDENT OBAMA

Senate Democratic leaders may seek to force a vote this week on the first piece of Obama's jobs bill, the $35 billion to help states hire and avoid layoffs. **BLOOMBERG**

▶ Christiane et Philippe, by Didier Cataldo

Metro photo of the day

Congratulations to Didier Cataldo of France, winner of Thursday's Photo of the Day theme, love. Today's theme is passion. To enter your photos and for more information, visit www.metrophotochallenge.com.

Apple sells 4 million iPhones in three days

Apple Inc. said yesterday it sold 4 million of its iPhone 4S in the new smartphone's first three days on the market, setting up a strong December quarter for the world's largest technology company.

Helped by availability in more countries and on more telecommunications carrier networks, the iPhone 4S, which went on sale on Friday, managed to outshine the iPhone 4, which sold 1.7 million in its first three days.

Unveiled just a day before Apple Chairman Steve Jobs died, it was initially dubbed a disappointment, partly because it looked identical to its predecessor. But anticipation of its "Siri" voice software helped it set an online record in pre-orders on Oct. 7. **REUTERS**

Iran to probe plot allegations

TEHRAN. Iran said yesterday it would examine "seriously and patiently" U.S. allegations it planned to assassinate a Saudi ambassador and called on Washington to send evidence of the plot it has dismissed as baseless propaganda.

Meanwhile, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said the plot was fabricated by Washington to cause a rift between Tehran and Saudi Arabia and divert attention from U.S. economic problems. **REUTERS**

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THE WORD

Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

▶ Christina Aguilera performed during the Michael Forever concert in Wales on Oct. 8.

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Osbourne takes it to X-Tina

So, by now you've probably seen the photos of poor **Christina Aguilera** at the **Michael Jackson** tribute concert earlier this month. If not, here is one I am regrettably reprinting for you. (My feminist and gossip sides are at odds again, with the side that gets the paycheck once again winning.)

Anyway, I think we can all agree she doesn't look her best. But girlfriend did just go through a divorce, and if you listen to the clip of her performance, she absolutely killed it — so maybe we should give her a pass this time around.

But **Kelly Osbourne** does not agree. Osbourne clearly hasn't gotten over the teasing she claims to have received from Aguilera over the years about her weight, and she's using her E! show, "Fashion Police," to get some payback.

"She called me fat for years. I was never that fat," Osbourne commented while showing the unflattering Aguilera photos. Her co-host, **Joan Rivers**, also got in on the act, adding, "Lady Marmalade got into the peanut butter again."

And just when you thought Hollywood wasn't just a huge, bizzaro version of your high school, you read this and realize it very much is. But it's just so much worse.

Lohan (finally) gets serious

With a court date set for tomorrow that could net her a year in jail for failing to comply with her community service sentence, **Lindsay Lohan** is trying to make up for lost time, according to Radar Online. "Lindsay performed community service every single day this past week at the Red Cross, and has been spending the bulk of the weekend fulfilling her therapy and shoplifter's course requirements. She is extremely focused on her court-ordered obligations," her rep says. The actress had been let go from one of her programs because she "violated the rules," "blew off nine scheduled visits," and "she would often bail after working there for only an hour," a source tells TMZ.

Lohan

Talking points

Kutcher spotted sans Moore

Ashton Kutcher stepped out without **Demi Moore** during the weekend, making an appearance at the Clinton Foundation anniversary concert at the Hollywood Bowl, according to Us Weekly. Kutcher, who was on hand to introduce a performance by Usher, also made mention of the DNA Foundation, the charity he started with Moore to combat sex trafficking, though he referred to it as "my DNA Foundation," a source says. Kutcher appeared to be wearing his wedding ring at the event, according to onlookers.

Martin talks about marriage

Chris Martin admits that he's only really had one serious relationship in his life — his marriage to **Gwyneth Paltrow.** "That's right. I'm in it," he says in an interview with CBS. "It's a giant leap. Let's face it, it's like winning the lottery." Martin, who rarely speaks openly about his family life, also says his two kids with Paltrow — **Apple**, 7, and **Moses**, 5 — have had quite an impact on his career with Coldplay. "It's made it more focused," he says. "And you have a purpose. I like what it does. Just the idea of having to work hard so your kids are OK."

▶ Martin

Liz Taylor's memorial service

Elizabeth Taylor was honored by friends and family at a memorial event held on the Warner Bros. lot in Burbank, Calif., during the weekend, according to People magazine. Hosted by **Colin Farrell**, the event was attended by Taylor's children, **Michael** and **Christopher Wilding**, **Liza Tivey**, **Maria Burton**, and stepdaughter **Kate Burton**, as well as friends like **Michael Caine** and **Elton John**, who performed at the ceremony. "To say that the world got smaller, emptier, darker and lonelier when we lost Elizabeth is an understatement," John told the crowd. "She was a true rock."

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The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Zachary Quinto is happy with his decision to come out of the closet, Alec Baldwin is trying to not let his dinner be ruined, Jerry Seinfeld is losing his patience, and Garry Shandling appreciates a good value.

▶ **@ZacharyQuinto**
i have spent the day in awe of this outpouring of support and resonance. we. are. in. this. together. NEVER FORGET! i am deeply moved.

▶ **@AlecBaldwin**
Sitting in a restaurant with @hilariathomas and some VERY drunk people are railing against progressive politics. Madre Mia!!!!!!

▶ **@JerrySeinfeld**
Wolf Blitzer beard. Grow it in. Shave it off. I don't care. Just do something. Can't take it anymore.

▶ **@GarryShandling**
I like Herman Cain because if elected you get another president for half-price.

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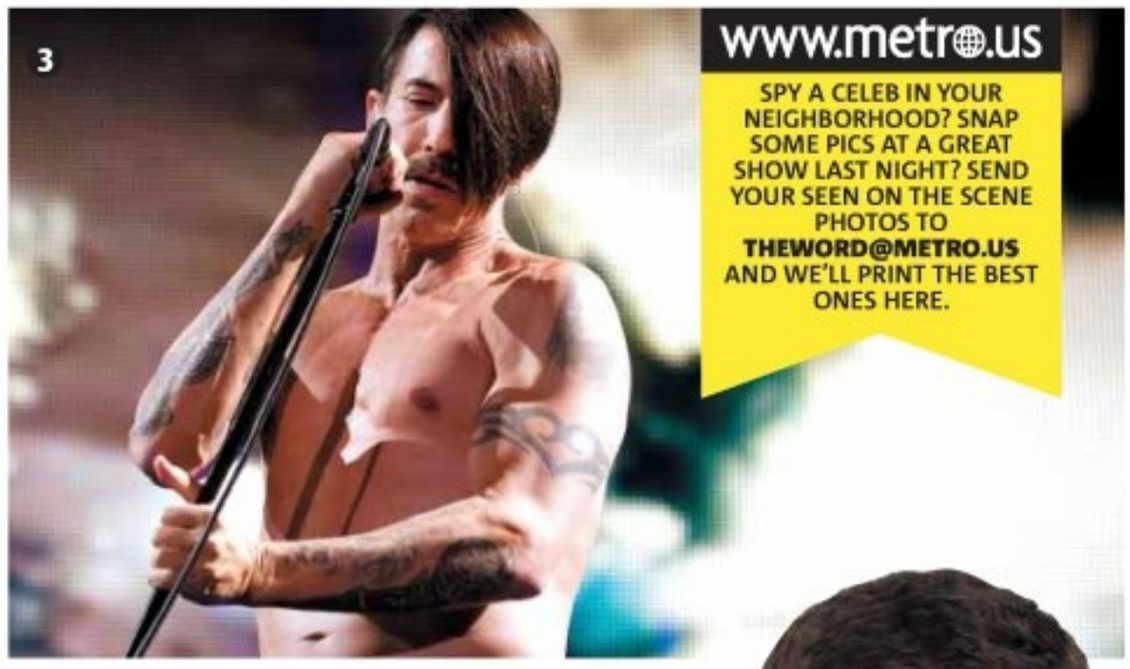

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Stars on ships, stars sans shirts

▶ **1.** Taylor Swift performed at the 41st annual Nashville Song Writers Hall of Fame induction ceremony at the Renaissance Hotel in Nashville, Tenn., on Sunday.
▶ **2.** "Uniqlo's so affordable! And there's nothing not to like about that," said Susan Sarandon at the grand opening for the brand's Fifth Avenue flagship store on Thursday.
▶ **3.** Anthony Kiedis went shirtless in Rotterdam, Netherlands, on Sunday. You still can't distract us from that mustache, Anthony!
▶ **4.** Reese Witherspoon attended the 2011 Breast Cancer Global Congress and Avon Walk for Breast Cancer in New York City on Sunday.
▶ **5.** Salma Hayek and Antonio Banderas attended the premiere of "Puss In Boots" — on the Royal Caribbean's Allure of the Seas — in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., on Sunday.
▶ **6.** Justin Timberlake attended the 2011 Environmental Media Awards at Warner Bros. Studios in Burbank, Calif., on Saturday.

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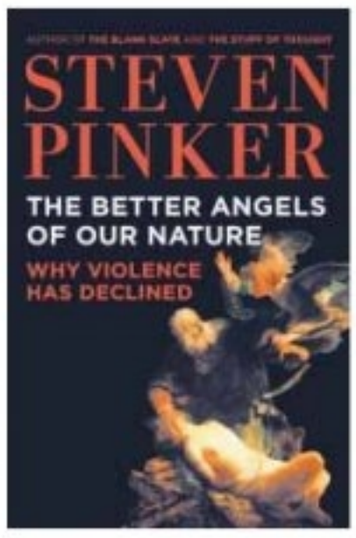

Actually, we've got it pretty good

For all of our complaining about the state of the world, psychologist and author Steven Pinker notes we're doing great The reason for his sunny outlook? We're probably not going to die a violent death

Despite the fatalistic cries of politicians, preachers and news anchors, we may actually be living in the least-violent period of human civilization. Experimental psychologist/author Steven Pinker traces the decline of violence in his weighty new book, "The Better Angels of Our Nature," though he admits that his findings seem a bit counterintuitive.

"There's a quirk of the human mind that we estimate how dangerous something is by how easily we can think of examples," Pinker says. "Well, it's easy to think of examples of things blowing up and massacres and serial killers and senseless violence. It's not so easy to conjure up images of all those people who died peacefully in bed."

Still, more of us are doing just that than our ancestors did. With hard numbers and a quick wit, Pinker recounts just how risky daily life was in the "good old days," from a recap of unpleasantness throughout the Bible to the nastiness underlying the supposedly courtly era of knights and damsels in distress (usually, it turns out, from other knights).

Pinker hesitates to predict whether the trend will continue, and says he's written not a book of optimism but gratitude.

"Most of us are extremely lucky to be living in the current era, where any one of us has a very small chance of dying violently. That wasn't always true of human history. But I don't think we're going to go back to burning heretics at the stake any time soon."

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'Man Up!'

COMEDY. TV keeps telling us it's hard to be a man these days. But man, woman or purple space monster, it doesn't matter — you'll have a hard time buying this new sitcom, in which three dudes feel like they need to "man up" in our current "emasculated" era. Really, they just come across as whiny idiots. We'll teach them how to change a flat tire if it gets them to shut up already. **Series premiere, 8:30 p.m., ABC**

'Scream Awards 2011'

SPECIAL. At least a handful of those screams for all things horror, sci-fi and fantasy will be for the final chapter in the "Harry Potter" saga, a nominee in the "Holy Sh!t Scene of the Year" category, among others. More awesomely geek-centric categories include "Most Memorable Mutilation" and, of course, the "Ultimate Scream" award. **9 p.m., Spike**

'Sons of Anarchy'

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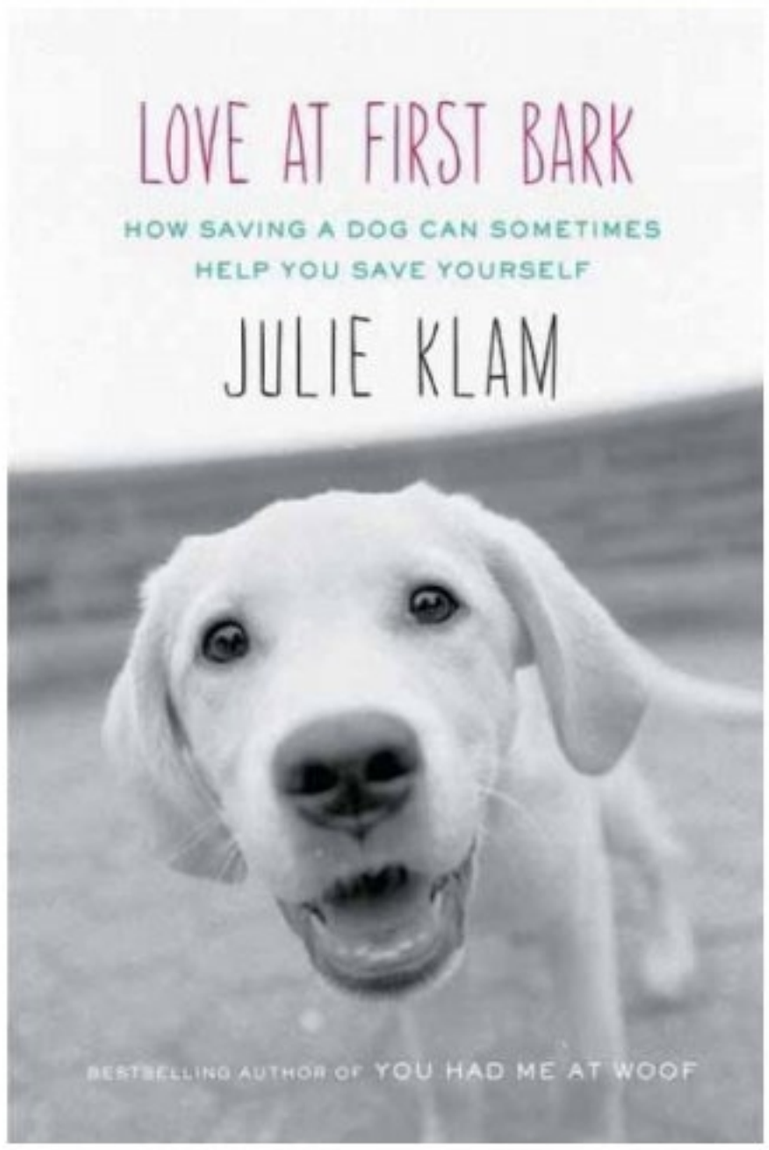
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When dog rescue works both ways

Julie Klam has helped plenty of dogs find homes, but they've given her just as much in return The author and Boston Terrier enthusiast discusses her latest book

SARAH SHATZ

When Julie Klam adopted Otto, she didn't realize that the lovably bug-eyed Boston Terrier was on a rescue mission of his own.

"You don't always get the dog you want — you get the dog you need. He was the impetus for every good thing that happened in my life," says Klam of the inspiration behind her first book, "You Had Me at Woof." "I was single at the moment. And I thought: If it's possible to compromise myself this much for something, maybe I could do the same for a slightly less hairy human."

Now a wife and mother, Klam has opened her home to many other needy dogs — and the occasional needy dog's surprise puppies — over the years as a volunteer and foster parent. Her latest book, "Love at First Bark: How Saving a Dog Can Sometimes Help You Save Yourself," includes stories about her rescue work in both her New York City neighborhood and in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. While poignant and occasionally heart-wrenching in a way that only abandoned dogs can be, it avoids Sarah McLachlan-commercial territory thanks to Klam's dry, generous sense of humor.

"Doing rescue has been so incredibly rewarding to me," she says. "I find that when something is happening in my life, my dogs are going through some of the same things, too — but then, maybe that's just because I'm crazy and I project things on to my dogs."

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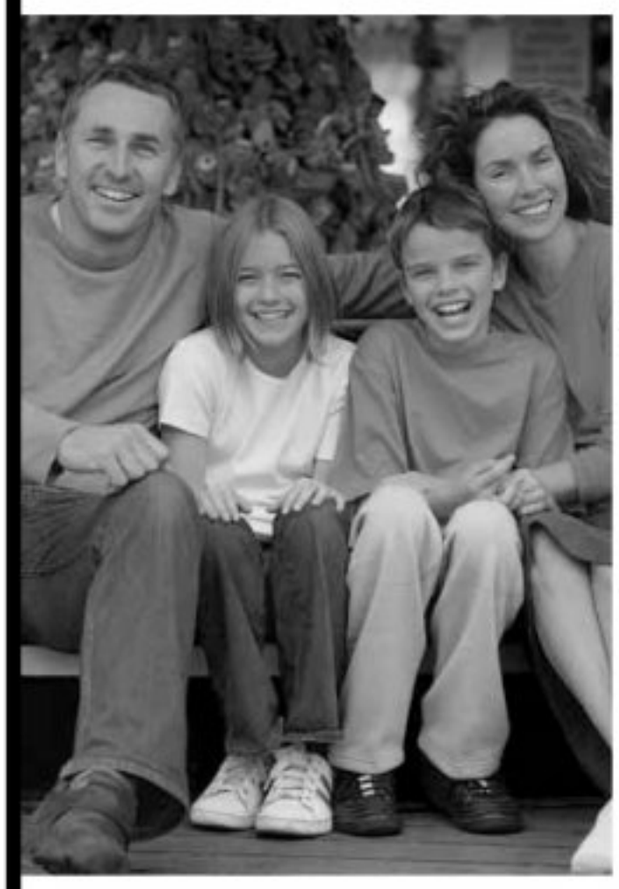

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Factors for evaluating your future college

Admissions adviser developed 15 things to consider when choosing a college Weighs importance for traditional and nontraditional students

One of the biggest investments you'll ever make is in your education. You want to spend that money wisely — but how do you become a savvy consumer when what you're comparing is as big and complicated as universities?

Allen Grove, an admissions adviser (and English professor at Alfred University in New York), has identified 15 factors to consider when evaluating colleges. He developed the list for students currently in high school, but thinks that most of the items apply to all potential college students, regardless of age.

"Graduation rates, student-faculty ratios and financial aid are just as important — maybe more important — to nontraditional and part-time students."
ALLEN GROVE

"Graduation rates, student-faculty ratios and financial aid are just as important — maybe more important — to nontraditional and part-time students," Grove says. "All of this data should be looked at in context, though."

When looking at faculty, for instance, nontraditional students should look not just at class size but at who is teaching the classes they want to take. "Some schools primarily serve traditional-age students, so their full-time faculty is there. Degree-completion or general studies programs may be taught by adjunct [part-time] faculty hired just to teach those classes," Grove explains.

The one factor he'd add to the list for nontraditional students would be the availability of support services. "When are campus offices open? Are they strictly nine to five, or are they open evenings?" he asks.

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What to evaluate

Here is Grove's list of factors.

1. Attractiveness of campus
2. High graduation rate
3. Low student-faculty ratio
4. Good financial aid
5. Internships and research opportunities
6. Travel opportunities
7. Engaging curriculum
8. Clubs and activities to match your interests
9. Good health and wellness facilities
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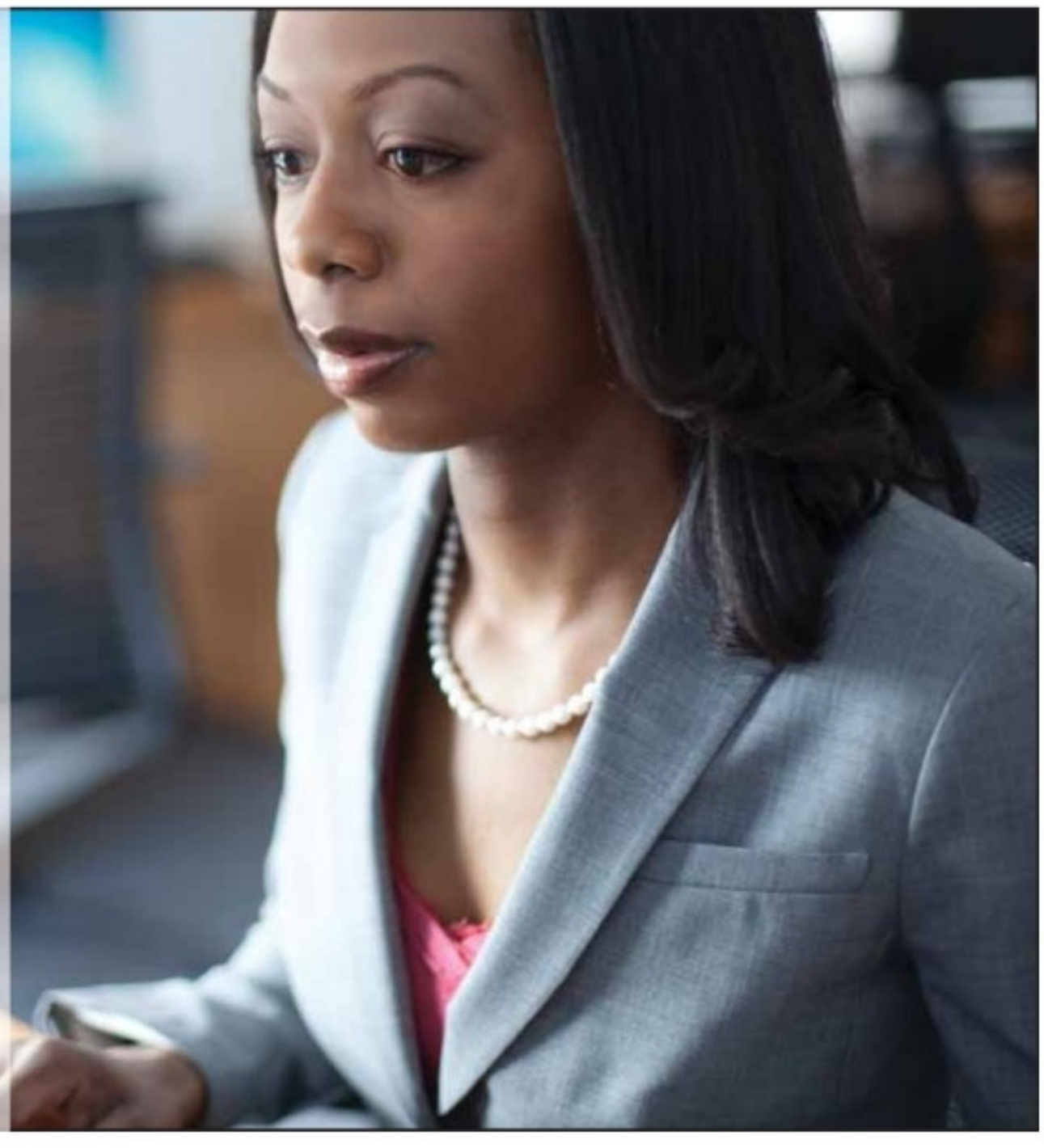

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How region's colleges rank

Some schools in the greater Philadelphia region fare well in some categories, poorly in others Students must parse rankings, choose what's important to them

The best-known ranking of colleges and universities is that of U.S. News & World Report, which relies primarily on data provided by the schools themselves. It looks at 16 areas, including retention and graduation rates, financial resources and admissions selectivity.

In addition to the national list, there are four regional lists. Local schools are well represented among the top 50 universities in the North region:

- **#1** Villanova (19th consecutive top rank)
- **#4** The College of New Jersey
- **#8** St. Joseph's
- **#21** Rowan
- **#34** Arcadia (tie)
- **#34** Rutgers Camden (tie)
- **#41** La Salle

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Other rankings

The Princeton Review (www.princetonreview.com) surveys college students directly, and then crunches the numbers to rank schools in 62 categories. They cover topics that are important to everyone (financial aid, quality of faculty) as well as those that are perhaps of interest to fewer people (involvement in intramural sports).

Here's how some local schools did in a few categories:

- **Great financial aid**
  #1 Swarthmore
  #2 Princeton
- **Bad financial aid**
  #1 Penn State (main campus)
  #14 Villanova
  #18 The College of New Jersey
- **Most race/class interaction**
  #10 Temple
- **Least race/class interaction**
  #14 Villanova
- **Happiest students**
  #7 Penn State (main campus)

▶ Villanova sports trophies.

Older student body

In addition to overall ratings of undergraduate programs, U.S. News also rates undergraduate business and engineering programs, historically black schools and public universities, among many other categories. Philadelphia's Peirce College is 10th on the list of "most students over 25." You can see all these lists at www.usnews.com.

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Getting some help picking a college

- A look at one Philly high school's approach to advising students on heading to next level
- Trips to colleges you're interested in is advised

Students from the Pickett campus of the Mastery Charter School visited Georgetown University recently.

Successfully navigating the college application process is a challenge for anyone — it's an even bigger challenge if you're the first person in your family to go to college.

Luckily, some schools take the job of advising those students very seriously. "Most of the students I work with will be first-generation college students," says Meredith McGlinchey, college adviser at the Mastery Charter School's Pickett campus in Germantown.

Students take SAT preparation and a senior college readiness class; they also get individual advising. They can sign up for trips to visit colleges in the Philadelphia area and beyond. "We're going up to NYU and Columbia this week," McGlinchey reports.

She advises students to look at two main factors when picking a school. The first is whether the school offers the major the student is interested in. "These kids want to go to college to prepare for a career," McGlinchey says. The other is retention rates. "There's no point in going to college, maybe running up a lot of debt, if you're not going to finish," she emphasizes.

Since this is the first senior class at the Pickett campus, they're setting the bar of admission rates this year. "We already have two people who have been admitted," McGlinchey says with understandable pride, "and it's only October. I think we'll do really well."

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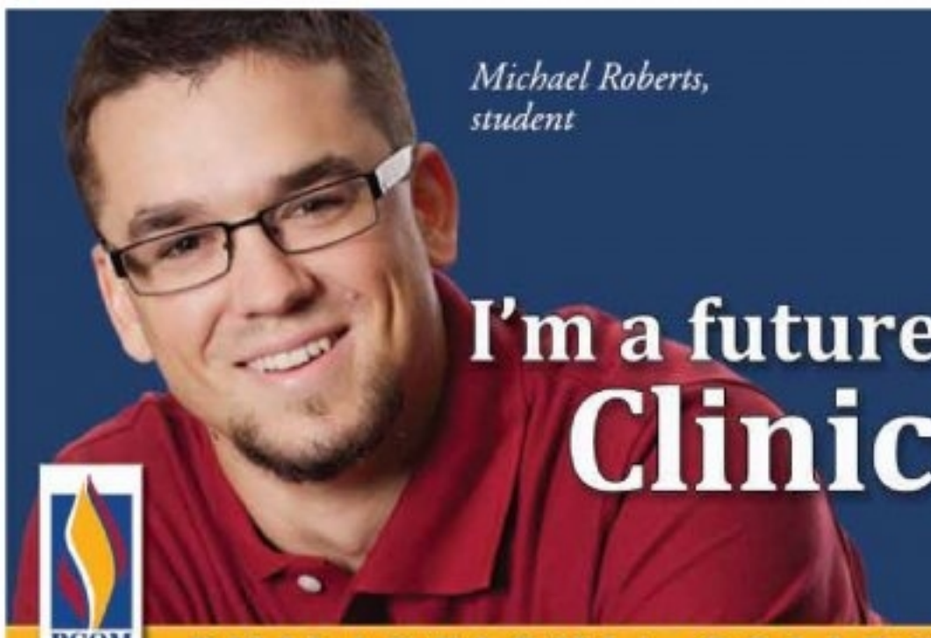
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▶ **Seafood**
The Waterfront Restaurant is not only known for its tranquil, oceanside setting on the Pinones boardwalk, but for its excellent preparations of local fish. Try the pastelillos, savory turnovers filled with chapin (trunkfish), the mild and meaty grilled dorado (mahi mahi) and sweet Caribbean lobster in a rich butter sauce. *KM 187, Pinones, 787-791-5989*

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Something stinks for sure

RE: "THIS PROTEST REALLY STINKS": I hope Mr. Chimenti was well compensated for his brilliantly satirical writing. It's not like you can take the letter's content seriously.
JOSEPH CONNELL, VIA E-MAIL

Mr. Chimenti can stand up and demand whatever he wants. But when he does so, he really ought to get his facts straight. We of the OWS movement aren't bums. There are thousands of us who would love a job, but cannot get one in this economy. He is also wrong about our "shantytown." Taxpayers aren't maintaining it. Everything comes from donations. If he doesn't want to pay to maintain our occupancy, he can just not donate! But there's something else he should do: Avoid vulgarity. Unless we've reached the point where suggesting that one's opponents sleep in feces is a permissible part of political discourse.
CRAIG STALLONE, VIA E-MAIL

Where's all the coverage?

I have been following your coverage of the Occupy Wall Street protests and I have to say it has been abysmal. The latest is your complete lack of coverage of the enormous rally in Times Square on Saturday. I keep looking for letters calling you out on this shamefully bad coverage, but you are obviously too cowardly to print them. Will you print mine?
MARK DENNING, VIA E-MAIL

Weiner book is a shame

RE: "ANTHONY WEINER SCANDAL RISES ANEW": Will people publicize anything for money anymore? Granted, Weiner has his shortcomings. But who doesn't have a few flaws and a least of few episodes of regrettable behavior? It's a tragedy that private lives can no longer remain so.
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Scientists can ignore facts too

"OPTIMISTS: THEY IGNORE BAD STUFF": This article was interesting, but I was troubled by the accuracy of Dr. Sharot's findings. The study used brain activity data to determine that evolution selects for optimistic behavior. However, the study failed to show if there was a correlation between any genes of the optimists and optimistic behavior. Without this vital data, the study can't be conclusive.
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♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Participate in activities that serve to reinforce your faith and basic philosophical beliefs. The wisdom and strength you'll gain will serve you.
♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Lady Luck might treat you in an exceptionally kind manner by making it possible for you to participate in a successful endeavor that others already have underway.
♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Even though you rarely depend on others, larger benefits are likely to come your way through partnership arrangements at this time. Get out there and mix it up with colleagues.
♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Follow your ambitious instincts and let others idle their time away if they wish. In fact, it's possible that you could even outdo your toughest competitors by a few strides.
♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** It pays to treat life philosophically, because it can help reinforce your faith and core philosophy. Treat problems that occur as a game instead of dire.
♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** The secret to getting what you want is to make sure the people you're involved with do as well as you. If they happen to be the winners, you'll win too.
♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Because you're a good conversationalist and you display a genuine interest in others, people will find you to be an extremely desirable companion.
♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** This is an especially good day to both make and save money, so keep your eyes peeled for situations that afford you the kinds of opportunities to do so. Some might even fall in your lap.
♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** You naturally possess leadership qualities, and this will extend to your organizational abilities. Look for important ways to display both of these facets in your life.
♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** A pleasant surprise is in the offing, when you discover that someone whom you thought bore you ill will is in reality quite anxious to become your friend. Don't hesitate to respond.
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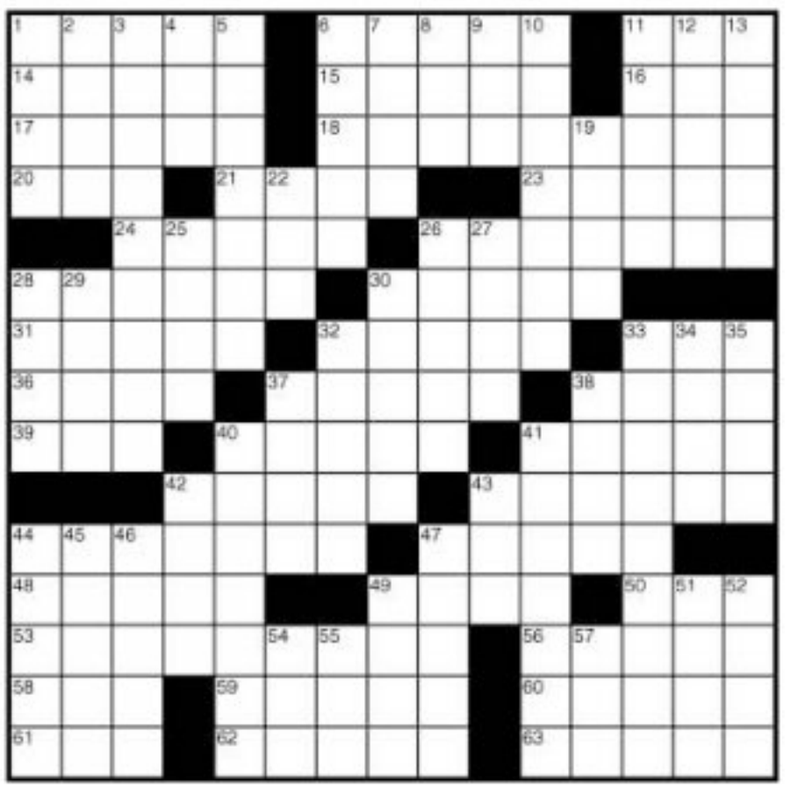

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Opinion

ANGELO CATALDI
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EAGLES LIFER SITTING THIS SEASON OUT

The Eagles won a game. That's the bad news. The good news is that coach Andy Reid didn't fix his broken team, despite a 20-13 win over Washington. He simply found an opponent less talented and more clueless than his team.

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Andy Reid is still on course to leave at the end of the season. If those words seem like the bitter lament of someone who's no longer rooting for the Eagles, well, they are.

I decided late last week to root for something much more important than the final 11 games of a doomed season. That's why I was hoping they'd lose on Sunday — and every game after that until Reid is gone. I still love the Birds, always will. I love them so much, I'm sacrificing 2011.

While the city was applauding the revival of a team that had carried so much optimism a few weeks ago, I had a new perspective. And what I saw was nothing dramatically different than the four pitiful losses that preceded it. Yes, the run defense was better, and — for once — the Birds didn't blow a lead in the fourth quarter.

Look at the rest of it, through my refocused eyes as a former Eagles fan. The team started horribly, with two penalties on the opening drive and a snap over Mike Vick's head that narrowly missed being a safety. Will Reid find a way to motivate his players before a game? What does he say in his pregame speech? Does he sing lullabies?

And before we send defensive coordinator Juan Castillo to Canton, let's consider Rex Grossman. Somehow, he managed to throw four interceptions before his benching — three to Kurt Coleman, who had amassed one pick in his previous 20 NFL games.

The Eagles' offense was hardly the explosive touchdown machine that had been advertised before the season, either. Because of a makeshift offensive line, Vick resorted to three-step drops for most of the game, thereby negating the deep speed of DeSean Jackson and Jeremy Maclin. The Birds won the game because LeSean McCoy simply refused to lose, especially on the final drive.

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I still love the Birds. ... I love them so much, I'm sacrificing 2011.

Think about it for a second. Reid escaped with a win despite a still-unreliable offensive line, still-unreliable linebackers, a still-unreliable defensive coordinator and a still-unreliable placekicker. The only thing we can count on for sure is Reid's insulting attitude. Even after a win, he said the Eagles "have to do a better job" of scoring in the second half. Ugh.

Philadelphia was happy the season didn't end Sunday. There will be more meaningful games after the bye week, maybe a whole season. But not to me. No, I'll wait for something more significant to cheer. I'll save my joy for the long-overdue departure of Andy Reid.

*– **Angelo Cataldi** is the host of 610 WIP's Morning Show, which airs weekdays 5:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.*

Rookie learns on the fly

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▶ Kelce

Every once in a while, a rookie comes along who acts so stupidly, he needs an instant education. Such was the case with Jason Kelce. And I had the enviable task of serving as his instructor.

After their abysmal loss to Buffalo, Kelce and Evan Mathis stopped outside the gates of the NovaCare Center and urged a couple of fans to take down a sign that suggested it was time for Andy Reid to leave. Exactly what was said between the players and protestors is in question, but Kelce did admit on local TV that he threatened to pull down the sign himself if they didn't remove it.

The idea of suppressing fan criticism is idiotic on the surface — this being America, and all — but the notion of trying it in Philadelphia is infuriating. I screamed my lungs out in making this point on my radio show last Thursday. This wasn't the first time I went bonkers in my 22-year stint on WIP, but my tirade got an unusual response. Kelce apologized for his behavior.

The young lineman came on my show the next day, explained that he was just being loyal to Reid, and then acknowledged his mistake. He expressed sincere regret to the protesters, and then he said he was sorry to all Eagles fans.

So what was the lesson of this incident? The lesson was that no one is going to come into Philadelphia and tell the most passionate fans in America how to act.

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▶ We're saving our joy until Andy Reid gets the pink slip.

Short leash for Manuel?

Charlie Manuel made a stunning admission last week, but many fans missed it in the depression that followed the playoff ouster of the best Phillies team ever. He said his players are not listening to him.

The manager didn't mean to say it. He didn't want to say it. In fact, he would deny saying it if pressed today. But he said it. Oh, he definitely said it.

Ruben Amaro, Jr. began the exchange that led to Manuel's revelation when the GM said the team needs to change its hitting style — to work counts better, to use all parts of the field, to adapt to the different situations that crop up in a game. In other words, to be smarter at the plate.

Manuel agreed with his boss, before reminding everyone that his own specialty is hitting. "I know how good of a hitting coach I am," were his exact words. Then came the moment of truth. Manuel said he has been trying all year to get his hitters to change their style, with no apparent success. After seven years, the players are tuning him out.

The fact is, Manuel just handed a loaded gun to Amaro, an on-the-record public admission that he is losing his effectiveness as a manager.

If Manuel doesn't win it all with the Phillies in 2012, don't be surprised when Amaro pulls the trigger.

Idle thoughts from Cataldi ...

1 Snooze control. Mr. Charisma moved 3,000 miles away, but he's still the most boring man in pro sports. Mike Richards set up the winning goal in OT for the L.A. Kings Saturday night, and then the former Flyer captain had nothing more to offer than his usual droning, nervous mumblings. Good riddance.

2 Know your role — and your worth. Jimmy Rollins needs to check his birth certificate. The Phillies' veteran said he wants a new five-year contract. He's a soon-to-be 33-year-old shortstop with a lousy on-base-percentage, dwindling range and a bad attitude. He doesn't deserve a day over three.

3 New face of the Sixers. Joshua Harris just spent $280 million on a Sixers franchise with no star attraction, a tepid fan base and an NBA lockout threatening an entire season. Hey, at least he must really want the team — unlike the previous owners, Ed Snider and Comcast. Good luck to the new guy. He'll need it.

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▶ Brandon Graham is expected to return to practice next week.

Reid giving Eagles time to 'get away'

Andy Reid is a creature of habit.

So, with no game on the Eagles' schedule this weekend, it really wasn't a shock when he revealed that his players would have the entire week off. It's something the coach has done consistently in his 12-plus seasons here.

"I want them to get away and take a deep breath and get their bodies and minds back where they're able to relax," Reid said yesterday. "I have them out of here until next Monday."

Several Eagles players packed their belongings and headed for the exits, saying they were looking forward to enjoying some time off.

"We're going to enjoy this victory and this bye week — and start the season all over again," quarterback Mike Vick said.

Despite a disappointing 2-4 start this season, Reid believes the bye week has come at the perfect time.

"Sometimes, you have to take a step back to take a step forward," Reid said.

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Bird seed

- Barring a major setback, DE **Brandon Graham** will practice when the team returns to the NovaCare Complex next week. Graham is coming off microfracture knee surgery and hasn't played in a game since last December.
- Reid admitted that **Mike Vick** was checked for a concussion when he briefly left Sunday's game. "Mike was okay, and right when he came to the sideline he said he was fine," Reid said.

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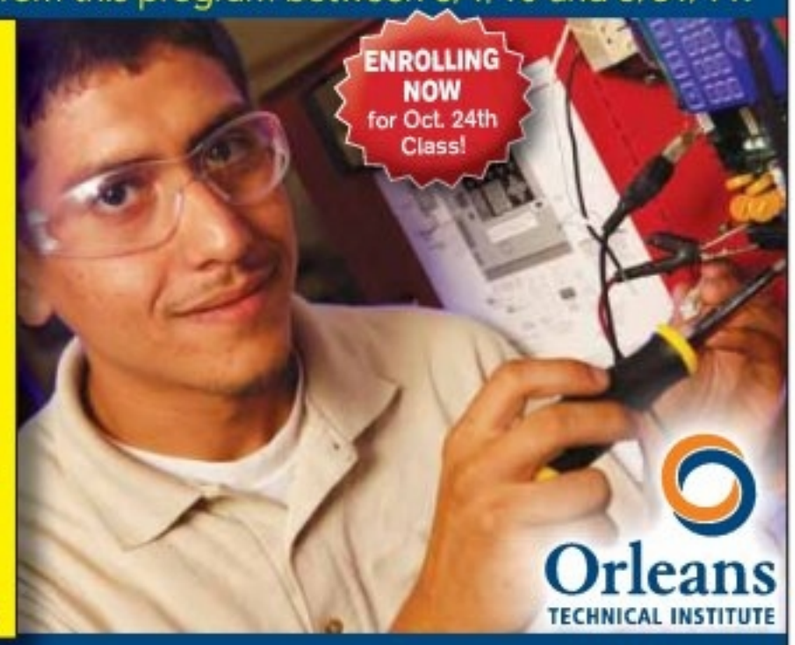

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IndyCar still mourning death of English racer

Yesterday's reaction to the death of IndyCar star Dan Wheldon in a horrific crash at Las Vegas Motor Speedway was a mixture of sorrow and calls for increased safety in the series.

Wheldon, 33, was mourned in his native England, where his father called him "a true champion and a gentleman."

"Daniel was born to be a racer and yesterday left us doing what he loved to do," Clive Wheldon told reporters in the village of Emberton, in England.

Flowers and candles were left outside Indianapolis Motor Speedway, where Wheldon won the 2005 and '11 Indianapolis 500 races.

Five-time NASCAR champ Jimmie Johnson said IndyCar should restrict itself to road courses, due to unreasonably high speeds possible on ovals. METRO

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▶ The Indy memorial commemorates Wheldon's wins.

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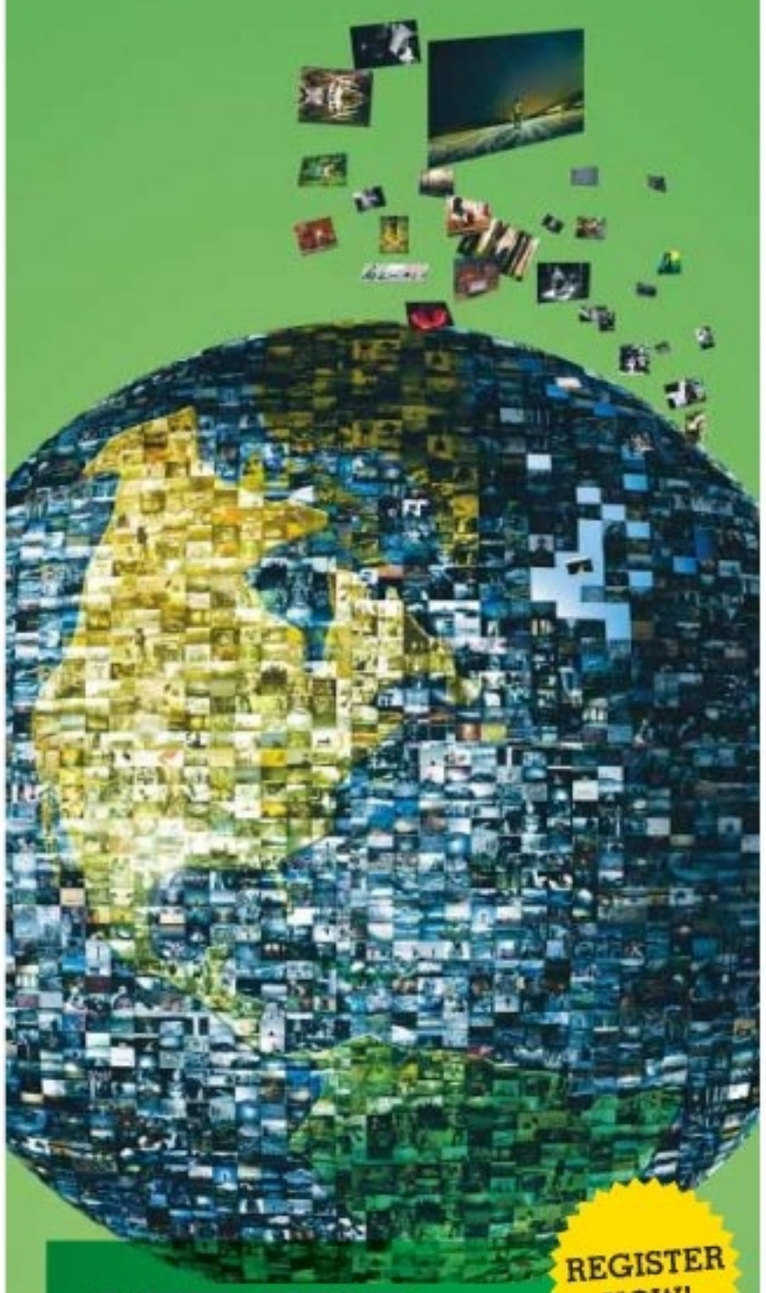

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"My career will not end, and has no reason to end, based on Saturday night," Hopkins told The Associated Press. "I am going to fight again because I'm still the champion."

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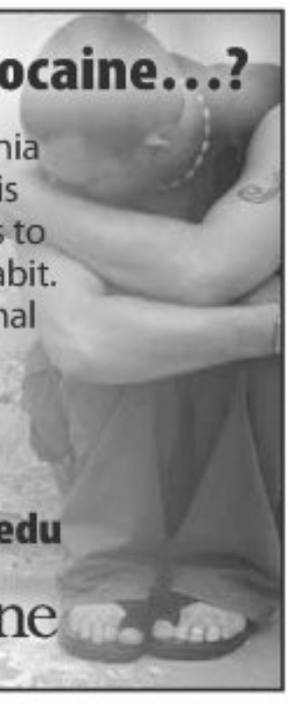

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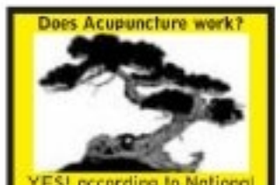
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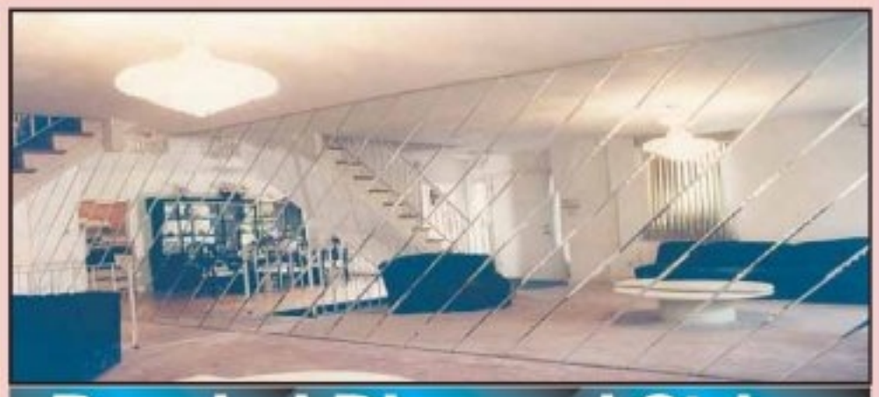

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